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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF:

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APPLICATION NO: **09/963,732**

FILED: **SEPTEMBER 26, 2001**

FOR: **STABILIZED HYDROGEN PEROXIDE SOLUTIONS**

EXAMINER:

J. PAK

ART UNIT: **1616**

Honorable Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 22313

June 17, 2003

ELECTION OF SPECIES

Sir:

The Election Requirement dated March 26, 2003 from Examiner J. Pak of Art Unit 1616 has been received and reviewed. The following is in response thereto.

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ELECTION

Examiner has required Applicant to elect a single disclosed species of (i) a source of hydrogen peroxide and (ii) a hydrogen peroxide stabilizer.

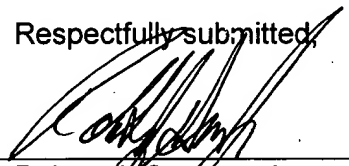
Accordingly, Applicant elects (i) sodium perborate and (ii) diethylene triamine penta(methylenephosphonic acid).

REMARKS

Should the Examiner believe that a discussion with Applicant's representative would further the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is respectfully invited to contact the undersigned.

Please address all correspondence to Novartis Corporation, Corporate Intellectual Property, One Health Plaza, Bldg. 430, East Hanover, NJ 07936-1080. The commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any other fees with may be required under 37 C.F.R. §1.16 and 1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0134.

Respectfully submitted,



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